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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re:

Patent Application of

Boris Skurkovich, et al.

Group Art Unit:

Appln. No.:

09/511,972

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Filed:

February 24, 2000

Attorney Docket

No. 53663-5004 (011-2)

For:

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.181 NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS NOT RECEIVED

This Petition is hereby made to the Commissioner to withdraw the abandonment of the above-referenced application. A Notice of Abandonment dated November 19, 2001 was received on November 30, 2001 for failure to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed on April 18, 2000. Applicants respectfully submit that the Notice to File Missing Parts was never received by Applicant's undersigned representative ("Petitioner").

Petitioner hereby declares that:

- 1. On April 24, 2000, a filing receipt was received by Petitioner from the PTO. There was no additional correspondence enclosed with the filing receipt.
- 2. On June 22, 2000, Petitioner filed an Information Disclosure Statement.

- 3. With the exception of the two return receipt postcards which are stamped to indicate that the filed application and the Information Disclosure Statement were received by the PTO, the filing receipt is the first and last correspondence, originating from the PTO, which was received by Petitioner regarding the above-referenced application prior to receipt of the Notice of Abandonment dated November 19, 2001.
- 4. Petitioner's prior law firm, Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, LLP ("AGSH&F"), maintains a PTO Mail Log, wherein all correspondence received from the PTO is routinely recorded. During the time period in question, an entry was made in the PTO Log for each piece of correspondence indicating the application number on the correspondence, the nature of the correspondence, the client matter number (attorney docket number), and the name or initials of the person to which the correspondence was routed. Docketing information was then recorded in AGSH&F's automated docketing system for a response, including any response deadline(s) pertaining to each piece of correspondence, to the responsible attorney. If a document does not appear on the PTO Log, there is no possibility that it was received or docketed.
- 5. After receiving the above-noted Notice of Abandonment on November 26, 2001, Petitioner reviewed AGSH&F's PTO Log. Petitioner reviewed the log for the period from April 18, 2000 through May 1, 2000 to definitively determine whether any PTO communication had been received by Petitioner for the above-referenced application. A copy of the log for the period from April 24, 2000 through May 1, 2000 is attached as Exhibit A. In addition, a search of the application file was made and did not result in the paper in question being found. Based upon Petitioner's file search and review of the PTO Log, Petitioner concluded that the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed on April 18, 2000 was never received.
- Also attached is a copy of Petitioner's computer docket sheets for the period that includes March 24, 2000 through August 24, 2001, which is marked as Exhibit B. The attached printout reflects all docketed matter for the undersigned attorney for the applicable period. Please note that the entries for the application (previous Attorney Docket Number 200011.0002) do not reflect a docketed response due to reply to a Notice to File Missing Parts. The docket does, however, indicate that Petitioner was awaiting the first Office Action.

7. Petitioner's review of the pages of AGSH&F's PTO Log for the period from April 24, 2000 through May 1, 2000 shows no indication of the receipt of a Notice to File Missing Parts in the above-referenced application. Further, Petitioner's review of the docketing entries made during that same time period reveals no docketing entries corresponding to a response deadline for any such Notice to File Missing Parts for this application. It is Petitioner's belief that the Notice was either never mailed or it was lost in the mail. In any event, the Notice never arrived at Petitioner's firm.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the abandonment of this application be withdrawn and the referenced application be reinstated. It is also respectfully requested that a new Notice to File Missing Parts be mailed to Petitioner's new address of record and a new statutory period for response be set.

Petitioner believes that there is no fee required with respect to this Petition. However, in the event any fee is necessary, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (Internal Billing No. 53663-5004).

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures:

Exhibit A – Copy of AGSH&F's PTO Log from April 24, 2000 through May 1, 2000 Exhibit B – Copy of Attorney's Docket Report from March 24, 2000 through August 24, 2001 Copy of Notice of Abandonment, dated 11/19/2001

Notice of Change of Address



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Monday, April 24, 2000

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| 9994-22 | 09/396,353 | Assignment | CAJ | | |
| 9369-36 | 09/478,462 | Assignment | wws | | |
| | 0927-8 08/908,608 Advisory Action | | wws | | |
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| 9890-1 | 6,050,938 | Letters Patent | JSG | | |
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| 9369-28 | 09/372,333 | Corrected Filing Receipt | Tara | | |
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| 7676-91 | 09/445,161 | Recorded Assignment | MGB | | |
| 9598-34U1 | 09/372,500 | Restriction Requirement | KD | | |
| 0275-3 | 09/437,948 | Restriction Requirement | LLC | | |
| 9941-3 | 09/271,582 | OA | wws | | |
| 0443-17U3 | 09/412,539 | OA | KD | | |
| 0011-1U3 | 09/306,286 | OA | KD | | |
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| 8305-56 | 09/126,254 | Issue Fee Transmittal | DEP | | |
| 8305-31 | 08/918,708 | Supplemental Notice of Allowability | DEP | | |
| 8806-3 09/170,645 | | Restriction Requirement | LLK | | |
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| 0427-1 | 09/183,245 | Restriction Requirement | | | |
| 10032-1U1 | 09/295,528 | OA | JSG | | |
| 9746-17U1 | 09/344,258 | OA OA | KD | | |
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| 9318-30 | 09/425,681 | | wws | | |
| 10059-308 | 09/420,719 | Recordation | KD | | |
| 9924-1701 | 09/425,334 | Recordation | LLK | | |
| 0071-1U1 | 6,053,322 | Letters Patent | MGB | | |
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| 10059-259 | 6.054.840 | Letters Patent & Soft Copies | WWS | | |
| 6438-94 | 6.052,864 Letters Patent & Soft Copies | | LLK | | |
| 9900-1 | D423,598 | Letters Patent & Soft Copies | MGB | | |
| 9448-64 | 6,055,389 | Letters Patent & Soft Copies | LLK | | |
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| 9596-101U1 | 09/398,172 | Recordation | JJ | | |
| 4110-136 | 29/113,194 | Recordation | CAJ | | |
| 9994-19 | 09/396,487 | Recordation | | | |
| 10059-346 | 09/487.852 | Recordation | wws wws | | |
| 8305-89 | 09/425,330 | Recordation | | | |
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| 9726-2U1 | 08/981,860 | Issue Fee Transmittal | DEP | | |
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| 9994-4U1 | 09/392,385 | OA | CAJ | | |
| 8182-13 | 09/399,646 | Restriction Requirement | KD | | |
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| 6438-95 | D423,354 | Letters Patent | LLK | | |
| 8861-211 | 6,054,810 | Letters Patent | LLK | | |
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